Reforming of National Security System

497. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI CM. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to stale:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers has submitted its report about reforming the National Security System;

(b) if so, its main recommendations and the decisions taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The important areas focussed upon in the GoM Report relate to Intelligence Apparatus, Internal Security, Border Management and Management of Defence. The main recommendations of the Report of the GoM inso far as management of Defence is concerned include establishment of (i) the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), (ii) Defence Staff, (iii) Defence Procurement Board, (iv) the Defence Intelligence Agency, (v) the National Defence University, (vi) Andaman and Nicobar Command, (vii) Strategic Forces Command, (viii) Integrated HQs of Ministry of Defence, (ix) Enhanced Delegation of Administrative Powers to integrated HQs as also the preparation of holistic and integrated Defence Perspective Plans for 15-20 years. Government approved the recommendations made in the Report of the GoM on May 11,2001 with the modification that a view on the recommendation relating to the institution of the CDS will be taken after consultation with various political parties. Implementation of the recommendations of the GoM has already commenced. In order to ensure that the recommendations are implemented in a time bound manner, the implementation process is being closely monitored by the Government. It would not be in the National interest to divulge further details in this regard.

Missing bogie loaded with gun powder

†498. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of inquiry with regard to a bogie which was moved out from Ordnance factory fully loaded with gun powder and found in Goregaon (Mumbai) about two years earlier;

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